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D. CINCPAC DTG 202315Z APR 75(NOTAL)

BEGIN SUMMARY: THE RAMASUN GATE INCIDENT CONTINUES TO AROUSE STUDENT PROTESTS AND PRESS CRITICISM. UNLESS WE RESOLVE THIS ISSUE PROMPTLY, IT WILL CONTINUE TO BOIL AND GROW. END SUMMARY.

1. THE RAMASUN GATE INCIDENT CONTINUES TO AROUSE PUBLIC INTEREST AND INDIGNATION HERE. STUDENTS FROM THE SOMDET
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CHAO PHAYA TEACHERS COLLEGE DEMONSTRATED IN FRONT OF

THE EMBASSY APRIL 20 AGAINST THE REFUSAL OF U.S. MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO HAND OVER THE FOUR ACCUSED SERVICE-MEN TO A THAI COURT. THEY HUNG POSTERS ON THE CHANCERY GATE REQUESTING THE U.S. MILITARY TO DEPART THAILAND.

2. REF A REPEATED AN APRIL 19 "BANGKOK POST" EDITORIAL WHICH SAYS THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THAI COURTS HAVE JURISDICTION OVER U.S. SERVICEMEN STATIONED HERE AND SYMPATHIZING WITH STUDENTS PROTESTING OUR FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE THEIR JURISDICTION, 43*M B REPEATS AN ARTICLE BY PRUTHISAN CHUMPHON IN THE APRIL 21 "BANGKOK POST" WHICH PLACES THE ONUS ON THE RTG FOR NOT RELEASING ALL INFORMATION ON THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF FOREIGNERS TO THAILAND'S JUDICIAL PROCESS. PRUTHISAN ARGUES THAT IF THERE ARE ANY AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS THAT CONTRAVENE THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER THE LAW, THE RTG MUST CORRECT THIS SITUATION IMMEDIATELY.

3. AS WE REPORTED IN REF. C, THIS ISSUE IS NO LONGER A LEGAL ONE, BUT AN OVERRIDING POLITICAL ONE. UNLESS WE ACCEPT THE SOLUTION WHICH REF. C PROPOSES, THE ISSUE WILL CONTINUE TO BOIL AND GROW, WITH SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR LARGER INTERESTS HERE.
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